

REMARKS

In response to the Office action dated July 10, 2007, the Applicants have amended claims 1, 12, 18, 23, 25 and 27. Claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-29 are in the case. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yasue (U.S. Patent No. 6,289,345) in view of Jungreis et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0209831 and further in view of Leblang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,574,898).

The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection based on the amendments to the claims and the arguments below.

The Applicants' independent claims now include that when the document is specified as being in a non-released state, the revision identifier is not identified as being incorrect and when the document is specified as being in a released state, the revision identifier is identified as being incorrect. In addition, the independent claims also include removing change notes and extraneous notes and truncating revision blocks automatically during bulk correcting when the document is specified as being in the released state. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and at least in FIGS. 1-4 and paragraphs [0023], [0026] and [0028] of the Application specification (U.S. Patent Publication No. 20050071394).

In contrast, the cited references, in combination or alone, do not disclose all of these features. Although the Examiner argued that the combined references disclose automatically bulk correcting only incorrect metadata elements located in predefined locations, the combined references are clearly missing the Applicants' **newly** added features. Namely, the combined references are missing the Applicants' not identifying the revision identifier as incorrect if the document is specified as being in a non-released state, identifying the revision identifier as incorrect if the document is specified as being in a released state, and removing change notes and extraneous notes and truncating revision blocks automatically during bulk correcting when the document is specified as being in the released state.

Instead, unlike the Applicants' claimed invention, the combined cited references

simply disclose a bulk data information management system for 2D/3D models (see Abstract of Yasue), a method of propagating changes in a design model with graphical object generation and regeneration (see Abstract and Summary of Jungreis et al.) and a dynamic auditor that records versions of objects that are accessed during data processing (see Abstract and Summary of Leblang et al.).

Therefore, the combined cited references are missing features of the claimed invention and fail to teach, suggest or provide motivation for the Applicants' claimed invention. As such, the combined references cannot render the Applicants' invention obvious and the rejection lacks a prima facie case of obviousness. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn (MPEP 2143).

With regard to the rejection of the dependent claims, because they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, and they contain additional limitations that are patentably distinguishable over the cited references, these claims are also considered to be patentable (MPEP § 2143.03).

Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (818) 885-1575 if the Examiner has any questions or concerns. Please note that all correspondence should continue to be directed to:

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